

The armed forces service academies offer young men and women a full tuition college education at a highly-ranked, nationally-recognized academic program while preparing them for an officer's commission in the armed forces. Each year I have the opportunity to nominate some of the best and brightest young women and men from the 7th Congressional District of Wisconsin to attend our nation's military service academies.

Acceptance at one of these academies involves at least a 9-year obligation to the Service – 4 years at the Academy and 5 years of active duty with the Service, or in the case of the Merchant Marine Academy, the option of receiving an active duty commission along with employment in the maritime industry.

The [Air Force](#) , [Merchant Marine](#) , [Military \(West Point\)](#) , and [Naval](#) Academies all require a nomination from an authorized nominating source. The [Coast Guard](#) Academy is the only one of the academies to offer appointments on the basis of an annual nationwide competition rather than a nominee program and should be contacted directly to apply.

Each applicant for nomination must meet the following eligibility requirements as of July 1 of the year of admission to an academy:

- Applicant must be a citizen of the United States.
- Applicant must be at least 17 years old and must not have passed his/her 23rd birthday, with the exception of the Merchant Marine Academy where the applicant must be 17 years old, but not passed the age of 25.
- Applicant must be unmarried, not pregnant, and have no legal obligation to support a child or dependent.

Members of Congress may nominate applicants who meet these eligibility requirements established by law. To apply for a nomination through my office, you **must be a legal resident of the [7th Congressional District](#)** of Wisconsin, which I represent. Academy nomination vacancies are limited and highly competitive.

### Where to Start:

- My office has prepared a very detailed [Question and Answer Section](#) that I hope will answer any question you may have about applying for a service academy. I recommend that you review the Q&A Section for information to help you in the application process.
- To obtain an application package, you can either [contact](#) my office to have an application package mailed to you or you may print a [PDF version of the application package](#) from my website. Applications for nominations are accepted from **May 1 to November 15.**

\_\_\_ To view and print a PDF file, you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader software installed on your PC.

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### **Have Questions:**

Should you have any questions not answered in this section or the [Q&A Section](#), please don't hesitate to [contact](#) my office for further assistance.